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5 May 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence *rub*  
Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM : Acting Coordinator for Academic Relations and  
External Analytical Support

SUBJECT : Meeting with University Presidents and Academic  
Dignitaries

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1. Action Requested: Signature on the reply to [ ] letter and the letters to ten academic dignitaries inviting them to the Agency for a day of discussion and briefings sometime in June.

2. Background: The letters to the eight university chief executives and the presidents of the American Council on Education and the Association of American Universities are only marginally different from the ones you sent to eight university presidents inviting them to the first meeting of this kind on March 10. [ ] recommended this group, and spoke to them in April in Palo Alto about your desire to improve communications between the academic and intelligence communities. [ ] writes that they all have a constructive attitude in this regard. He also told me in a recent conversation that he believes they constitute about one quarter of the most prestigious and influential leaders in academia.

3. In addition to [ ] and the ten men he has recommended, I will also reinvoke three presidents who were not able to accept your March 10 invitation but who said they were anxious to accept at another time. They are Robert Sproull, President of the University of Rochester, Norman Hackerman, President of Rice, and Peter Magrath, President of the University of Minnesota. Sproull, incidentally, is one of the men we met with in Palo Alto. The reiterations of your invitations to these three gentlemen will be handled informally through this office. [ ] new letters from you do not seem to be necessary.

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4. Although we are inviting fourteen men (bios attached), we can probably expect only about half to be able to accept. University presidents generally work year round (unlike many faculty who are on nine month contracts), but we will have difficulty settling on a date in June that will be convenient for you and them. [ ] and I agree with [ ] recommendation (his letter is attached) regarding the scheduling. Several days after your letters are posted, this office will contact the offices of the fourteen invitees and settle on a date in June agreeable to most of them, based in the first instance on your schedule.

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5. The schedule and sequence of meetings for the June visit should be substantially the same as the successful meeting of March 10. Once a date is settled on, this office will coordinate the remaining arrangements. I have discussed all of this with [ ] who as you know, is to undergo surgery.

6. Actions Recommended:

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- a. That you sign the letter to [ ]
- b. That you sign the letters to the ten distinguished academics.
- c. That you indicate your concurrence to the proposals above for handling the second university presidents visit.

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Attachments

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Director of Central Intelligence

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Director of Central Intelligence

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The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

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Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear [ ]

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I am delighted that you were so successful in [ ] in your discussions about relations between the intelligence and academic communities. Very shortly I will be contacting the eleven gentlemen you met with to invite them to visit CIA for a day of substantive discussions and briefings. As you know, the first meeting of this kind was held on March 10 and was quite rewarding for all concerned.

I have decided to try to arrange the next meeting for sometime during the month of June. [ ] and

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[ ] of my Academic Relations Staff will settle on a date that is agreeable to you and [ ] as many of the men you spoke with as possible. [ ] and

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[ ] also will coordinate arrangements.

I do look forward to seeing you again at that time, and hope that we can arrange to have some time together privately and informally. Once we have settled on a date, we can make additional plans.

Yours,

/s/

STANSFIELD TURNER

Dr. Wesley W. Posvar  
Chancellor of the University  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260

11 May 78

Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear President Sanford:

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Yours sincerely,



STANSFIELD TURNER

President Terry Sanford  
Duke University  
Durham, North Carolina 27706

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear President Sawhill:

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Dr. John Sawhill, President  
New York University  
Washington Square  
New York, New York 10003

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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear President Saxon:

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Dr. David S. Saxon, President  
University of California  
Berkeley, California 94720

The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dear Dr. Peltason:

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Dr. Jack W. Peltason, President  
American Council on Education  
One Dupont Circle  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear President Parks:

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Dr. William R. Parks, President  
Iowa State University  
Ames, Iowa 50010

Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dr. Steven Muller, President  
Johns Hopkins University  
34th and Charles Streets  
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Chancellor LeMaistre:

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Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre, Chancellor  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas 78701

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Dr. Robben W. Fleming, President  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109

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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Dr. Bartlett:

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